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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, CF, FR
SUBJECT: CONGOLESE ARRESTS

1. PRESIDENTIAL POLITICAL ADVISOR EKONDY, BACK FROM LUANDA, SPOKE WITH CHARGE EVENING AUGUST 13. EKONDY HAS JUST COME FROM PRESIDENCY WHERE HE HAD LEARNED THAT PROMINENT CONGOLESE FISHING BUSINESSMAN PATRICE FINA HAD BEEN ARRESTED. FINA, WHO HAD BEEN OCCUPANT OF COM RESIDENCE IN BRAZZAVILLE DURING MOST OF OUR ABSENCE, IS A LARI, NOW CHARGED BY GOCB WITH HAVING COLLUDED WITH FRENCH TO STAGE ANTI-YHOMBY COUP DURING IMPENDING NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS. ACCORDING TO EKONDY, YHOMBY-OPANGO TOLD HIM THAT HE BELIEVED THERE WERE ALSO SOME LARI MEMBERS OF US EMBASSY STAFF WHO WERE IN TURN IN COLLUSION WITH FINA. FURTHER, THAT FINA WAS BEHIND MOST RECENT ROBBERY AT COM RESIDENCE.

2. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT CEREMONIES PLANNED FOR AUGUST 14 HAVE BEEN CANCELLED. PRESIDENT'S SPEECH AND AUGUST 15 PARADE STILL ON.

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3. WILL REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.
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